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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended our transition information evening and for supporting your child during their Transition Day at Church Stretton School this week.

It was great for staff to meet so many of our new Year 7 pupils and their families, and the students were a real credit to themselves and their primary schools throughout the day. We hope they enjoyed getting a feel for life at Church Stretton and are feeling excited about joining us in September.

A few dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 is the first day for your child and Year 7 only will be on site to help them find their way around, meet new people, understand systems and feel more confident.

School transport will run as normal for your child on this day if you have booked a place on a bus. Please do not worry if your child has not yet received a physical bus pass, sometimes these can take weeks to come through.

Your child should bring a packed lunch and drink or refillable water bottle. Please note the restaurant is closed at lunchtime on the first day.

At breaktime, Caterlink are kindly offering every child a free brunch item from the following options:

Sausage Roll, Sausage Bap, Cheese & Ham Bagel, Half Cheese & Tomato Panini, Cheese & Ham Pastry, Hash Browns (Vegetarian & Gluten Free)

- On Thursday 10th September school have commissioned "Wise Up" who are the UK's leading provider of onsite transition, team building and enrichment programmes for schools. We are excited to be welcoming them for the first time and look forward to doing lots of fun activities together.

As a reminder, lots of useful information about the transition process, key dates and starting secondary school can still be found on the Church Stretton Sway page, so please take time to share this with your child.

[Church Stretton School Transition Information for Pupils](#)

Our Summer newsletter will be added to our website at the end of the week. It will showcase some of the lovely things that happened in the summer term at Church Stretton School.

[Newsletters – Church Stretton School](#)

We would really appreciate it if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete our short Microsoft Form about the transition process so far. Your feedback is really valuable and helps us to improve the experience for future students and families.

[Transition from Year 6 to 7 Caregiver feedback form](#)

Thank you again for your support throughout the transition process so far. We are really looking forward to formally welcoming you to our Church Stretton family in September.

Have a great summer and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions in the meantime.

Best wishes,

Guy Kirkby
Head of Year 7 & Teacher of PE